

## **HAVA Deadlines for Washington State**

### **Specific Dates**

#### **January 1, 2003**

Voters who register to vote for the first time in a state by mail must provide some form of identification.

#### **January 1, 2004**

Voter registration forms must provide check boxes for citizenship and age verification.

States must provide for provisional voting.

States must post specified information at polling locations.

Votes cast after the polls have closed because of a court order must be cast on provisional ballots.

#### **January 1, 2006**

Deadline to replace punch card equipment.

Voting system standards in Title III must be met.

Deadline to implement a statewide voter registration data base.

### **Election Technology and Administration Requirements**

- Each state and jurisdiction must meet the following voting system standards after January 1, 2006:
  - The voting system must allow for second chance voting. This requirement may be met by establishing a voter education program that notifies the voter of the effect of casting multiple votes for an office, and that provides the voter instruction on how to correct the ballot before it is cast and counted;
  - The voting system must produce a record for a manual audit capacity;
  - The voting system must be accessible for individuals with disabilities. This requirement can be met by placing one voting device with audio capability in each polling location;
  - The voting system must provide alternative language accessibility as required by sec. 203 of the Voting Rights Act;
  - The voting system must comply with the error rate standards established by the Federal Election Commission;
  - The state must adopt uniform standards for what constitutes a vote.
- By January 1, 2004 states must provide for provisional voting and develop a free
- access system that allows provisional voters to learn whether their ballot was counted. At the time the provisional ballot is cast, the voter must be provided information on the free access system in writing.

- By January 1, 2004, states must post the following information at each polling place:
  - A sample Ballot;
  - The date of the election and the hours the polls are open;
  - Instructions on how to vote, including provisional ballots;
  - Instructions for mail-in registrants and first time voters;
  - General Information on voting rights under various state and federal laws;
  - Information on voting fraud and misrepresentation.
- After January 1, 2004, any voter who votes after the polls have closed as the result of a federal or state court order may only vote a provisional ballot. Those ballots must be separated from all other provisional ballots.
- States must implement the following standards by January 1, 2006:
  - A “single, uniform, official, centralized, interactive computerized statewide voter registration” database;
  - A voter registration applicant must provide a drivers license number or the last four digits of the social security number.
- Mail-in voter registration forms must include questions requiring voters to verify that they are U.S. Citizens and old enough to vote. Voters must be notified if they fail to answer these questions, and be provided the opportunity to complete the form prior to the next election.

### **Enforcement**

- No deadline is given for establishing the state-based administrative complaint procedures to remedy grievances with the standards in Title III of this act. It is merely required of states that receive funds.

### **Voting Rights of Military Members and Overseas Citizens**

- No deadline is given when each state must designate a single office to provide information on voter registration and absentee ballots for uniformed and overseas voters.
- States, and local jurisdictions through the state, must report the number of absentee ballots transmitted to and received from military and overseas voters. This report must be submitted 90 days after each federal election.